

ELECTION OF SPECIES

The Examiner has required the election of species prior to beginning prosecution on the merits.

The Examiner has identified five species groups each containing one or more species from which to make the election.

Species Group I

Species 1 - corresponding to claim 2.

Species 2 - corresponding to claim 3.

Species Group 2

Species 1 - corresponding to claim 4

Species 2 - corresponding to claim 5

Species Group 3

Species 1 - corresponding to claims 7-9

Species 2 - corresponding to claims 10-12

Species Group 4

Species 1 - corresponding to claims 8 and 11

Species 2 - corresponding to claims 9 and 12

Species Group 5

Species 1 - corresponding to claims 16 and 24

Species 2 - corresponding to claims 17-19 and 25-27

Species 3 - corresponding to claims 17-18, 20, 24-26, and 28

Species 4 - corresponding to claims 21 and 29.

Applicants elect, **without traverse**, Species I from Species Groups 1-4 and Species 2 from Species Group 5, including claims 1, 2, 4, 7-11, 17-19, 23, and 25-27. As claims 17-19 are directed to the unelected Group 2 from the restriction requirement, above, claims 1, 2, 4, 7-11, 23 and 25-27 remain for further prosecution in the present application.

Applicants reserve the right to file one or more divisional applications, if necessary, to proceed with the examination of the non-elected claims.

An early examination on the merits of the claims of this application is respectfully solicited.

Please charge any fees incurred by reason of this response and not paid herewith to Deposit Account No. 50-0320.

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